



The Briefing for Wednesday – January 16 – 2023

The last Briefing was Saturday – January 14 - 2023

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Mark Your Calendars for Legislative Days

March 14 – Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing and Reception – [Sittig Hall](#)

March 15 – Pre-Conference Briefing – Small School District Council Consortium – Venue TBD

Registration for the following events-

March 15 - 2023 Legislative Day - Florida Association of Counties – FSU Turnbull Center

March 15-16 - 2023 Legislative Days - Florida School Boards Association – AC Marriott

April 25-26 - 2023 Rural Counties Days at the Capitol

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House and Senate Calendars

[Senate Calendar for the Week of January 16 - 20](#)

[House Calendar for Week of Jan. 16-20 - Details for meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday](#)

Committee Agenda Packets

If you desire more information you can go to the actual committee and review the agenda packet-

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees>

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Committees/committees.aspx>

Annual Assessment of Water Resource and Conservation Land

Today at 3:30pm the House WATER RESOURCES, CONSERVATION LAND will receive a [presentation](#) from the Office of Economic & Demographic Research about an annual assessment of water resources and conservation land. Section 403.928, Florida Statute, directs the Office of Economic

and Demographic Research (EDR) to conduct an annual assessment of Florida's water resources and conservation lands.

Annual Assessment of Florida's Water Resources and Conservation Lands:

The 2023 Edition of the annual assessment will be released in chapters to better align with more specialized interest areas.

[Chapter 1...Annual Assessment of Florida's Conservation Lands](#) [pdf]

Chapter 2...Florida's Expenditures and Revenues Related to Water Supply and Water Quality [PENDING]

[Chapter 3...Annual Assessment of Florida's Water Resources: Supply and Demand](#) [pdf]

[Chapter 4...Annual Assessment of Florida's Water Resources: Quality](#) [pdf]

Chapter 5...Annual Assessment of Infrastructure Investments: Stormwater and Wastewater [PENDING]

[Chapter 6...Annual Assessment of Flooding and Sea Level Rise](#) [pdf]

Chapter 7...Annual Assessment of The Everglades [PENDING]

State Board of Education meeting today!

On the agenda – School Library Training on selection of materials available and used for Instruction.

You can watch it live on [The Florida Channel](#)

Here's the [Agenda Packet](#)

Headlines Around the State

*FlaPol: 'You f***ed me': Vern Buchanan reportedly cursed out Kevin McCarthy after Ways and Means decision*

Sun-Sentinel: Broward delegation promises to seek common ground and fight for Democratic values in Republican-controlled House

USA Today: Florida legislation has some LGBTQ families headed out of state

The Floridian: Scott Looks to Tackle Debt Ceiling with Speaker McCarthy

Herald Tribune: Sarasota ground zero as conservatives seek to replicate Florida school board success

News-Press: How authorities in Florida failed to protect a mother allegedly killed by her abusive ex

WUSF: USDA predicts another hard year ahead for Florida citrus growers

My News 13: Citrus Greening hurting orange industry

Herald: Some health risks from climate change in Florida may surprise. This one affects millions

City & State FL: Fired up: Battle over gas stoves, furnaces heads to the states

FlaPol: FDOT details plan to expand electric vehicle charging with federal infrastructure funds

WUSF: FGCU's presidential search committee restarts efforts to find the university's fifth leader

The Capitolist: FPL earns top honors for rapid response following Hurricane Ian

Herald: How did they make it in those boats? An exclusive look at migrant vessels in the Keys

Democrat: Gas prices in Florida see small drop, predicted to remain steady

Herald: Odd 'armored' fish seen hanging from mouth of Florida heron. It's an invasive species

AP: Police: 8 people shot, 1 critical at Florida MLK Day event

NYTimes: Remains of Another Victim of Hurricane Ian Are Found in Florida

The Capitolist: Florida A&M University reports record year in research and development funding

Sentinel: High prices, sliding sales define Orlando's yo-yo housing market

Axios: Tampa Bay home prices' rise predicted to continue

NBC Miami: Florida Gov. DeSantis Seeks to Permanently Ban Mandates on COVID Vaccine, Masks

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis backs permanent 'freedom of speech' protections for docs, anti-vax mandates

The Capitolist: Florida Cabinet reappoints Mark Glass as FDLE Commissioner

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis promotes Deputy Director Luis Soler to lead Florida State Guard

FlaPol: 'A leader for all Democrats': Gen Z activists urge Annette Taddeo to run for Florida Democratic Party Chair

Herald: DeSantis appoints a private school staffer to the Miami-Dade School Board

WUSF: Land deals could aid the Florida Wildlife Corridor

FlaPol: Florida Senate Republicans to raise cash at Bruce Springsteen concert

My News 13: Legal barriers stymie Florida adoptees' search for family medical history

Bradenton Herald: Florida considers changing name, image, likeness law to level the playing field

Herald: Former state Rep. Grieco should have law license temporarily suspended, report says

The Capitolist: Even after elimination, standardized testing remains polarizing in Florida

The Capitolist: One year after passage, doctors praise at-home care laws, seek further expansion

FlaPol: New appellate court up and running, but faces hiring, facility issues

WUSF: Hillsborough is still considering changes to its schools' racial equity policy after state pushback

Times: Florida veterans' nursing homes grapple with staffing shortages

Sun-Sentinel: New board member drafts proposal to fire Broward superintendent again

Sun-Sentinel: Palm Beach County schools considering plan to arm employees on campus

Ledger: Lake Wales commissioner urges Polk County legislators to oppose 'unlawful' federal measures

Times: St. Petersburg bets on affordable housing at the Trop. Can it deliver?

FlaPol: Duval GOP wants grand jury to investigate JEA sale attempt

Herald: Surfside candidate who lost election bid is now in jail on murder charges in Broward

PNJ: Pensacola Mayor D.C. Reeves named to Harvard fellowship on creating just, equitable cities

On The Docket This Week

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

Legislature:

- HEALTH AGENCIES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee will receive overviews of the Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care Administration. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- EARLY LEARNING - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House PreK12 Appropriations Subcommittee will host a panel discussion about the state's early learning system. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- ALCOHOL REGULATION . - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee will receive a presentation about the history of regulation of the alcoholic beverage industry. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FINANCIAL AGENCIES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will receive presentations from the Department of Financial Services and the Office of Financial Regulation. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UNIVERSITY RESEARCH - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will receive a presentation about a 2021 law related to university research requirements. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAID ISSUES - Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee (12:30 p.m.) and the House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee (1 p.m.) will receive overviews of the Medicaid program. Senate ing at 412 Knott Building, the Capitol. House ing at Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY APPEARS - Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation from Department of Transportation Secretary Jared Perdue. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- ELECTION RECAP - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee will receive presentations from Secretary of State Cord Byrd and elections supervisors about the conduct of the 2022 general election. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HYDROLOGY ISSUES . - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the St. Johns River Water Management District about Florida's hydrology. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CORRECTIONS BUDGET - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about budget requests from the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Commission on Offender Review. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE IMPACTS - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Select Committee on Resiliency will receive a presentation from local governments affected by Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAID REDETERMINATIONS - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. The House Health & Human Services Committee will receive a presentation from the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Children and Families about Medicaid redeterminations. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- WATER RESOURCES, CONSERVATION LAND - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m- The House Infrastructure Strategies Committee will receive a presentation from the Office of Economic & Demographic Research about an annual assessment of water resources and conservation land. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The State Board of Education will take up numerous issues, including a rule that would require school library employees to complete

training sessions that are part of a new law aimed at increasing scrutiny of library books and instructional materials. Nassau County School Board, 1201 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach.

- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will . 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Callin number: 8509885144. Conference ID: 175899214
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, noon. The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will . Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, 4001 West Tampa Bay Blvd., Tampa.
- EAST CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL - Wednesday, 12:30 pm.. The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council will . Lake Mary Events Center, 260 North Country Club Road, Lake Mary.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will . South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.
- ST. JOHNS RIVER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will . St. Johns River State College, Orange Park Campus, ThrasherHorne Conference Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park.
- I95 INTERCHANGE PROJECT - Wednesday, 5 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an open house in Palm Beach County about plans for a “diverging diamond interchange” at Glades Road and Interstate 95. Spanish River Library, 1501 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton.
- LAKESUMTER COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 5 p.m. The LakeSumter State College Board of Trustees will . LakeSumter State College, Leesburg Campus, Kelly Convocation Center, 9501 U.S. 441, Leesburg.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

Legislature:

- **SCHOOL CHOICE** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee will receive presentations about school choice. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Civil Justice Subcommittee will receive a presentation on sovereign immunity and the claimbill process. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- UNEMPLOYMENT UPGRADES - Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an update from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity about upgrades to the state unemployment system’s information technology. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **STATE REVENUE** - Thursday, 11:15 a.m. The House Ways & Means Committee will receive an overview of state revenue. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- PUBLIC COUNSEL POST - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight will discuss a vacancy created when former Public Counsel Richard Gentry stepped down. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- LOBBYING FIRM AUDITS - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will receive an overview of audits of lobbying firms’ compensation reports. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS HUDDLE - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Council of Presidents of the Florida college system will . Tallahassee Community College Center for Innovation, 300 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.

- DEFENSE ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Defense Support Task Force will . Inn on the Lakes, 3101 Golfview Road, Sebring.
- VALENCIA COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Valencia College Board of Trustees will . Valencia College, East Campus, 701 North Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando.
- HUMAN RELATIONS PANEL - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Commission on Human Relations will . Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Callin number: 8502706017. Conference ID: 763860473
- APALACHEE PLANNING COUNCIL - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council will . Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Broward Refugee Task Force will . Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- I95 INTERCHANGE - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online ing about plans for a “diverging diamond interchange” at Glades Road and Interstate 95 in Palm Beach County. <https://tinyurl.com/GladesRoadDDIVPM>

FRIDAY, JANUARY, 20, 2023

- PODIATRY BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine will .
- <https://app.goto.com/meeting/571363645?sessionTrackingId=clsJoina257a4bdc4f24937854f0ec579712e85>. Callin number: 18668994679. Code: 571363645
- SPEECHLANGUAGE BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of SpeechLanguage Pathology and Audiology will. <https://app.goto.com/meeting/282225845?sessionTrackingId=clsJoin38d64fd88c6b4081a54553498654bb19>. Callin number: 18668994679. Code: 282225845
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold what is known as an “impact” conference, which typically involves estimating potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TREASURE COAST PLANNING COUNCIL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council is scheduled to . Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- JOBLESS NUMBERS - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a December unemployment report.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will . Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>

Important Meeting

Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th

Open for participating entities



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Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

About the Briefing!

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